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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Via Zoom

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021**

### 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Schmeding called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum

**Commissioners Present:** Marcy Adelman, Joaquin Anguera, Cheryl Brown, Betsy Butler, Kim Carr, Erika Castile, Anni Chung, Joe Cislowski, Janet Frank, Brendalynn Goodall, Meea Kang, David Lindeman, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Faisal Qazi, Sedalia Sanders

**Commissioners Absent:** Rita Saenz

**Staff:** Karol Swartzlander, Carol Sewell, Marcella Villanueva

**Guests:** Kim McCoy Wade, Victoria Jump, Jacey Cooper, Richard Figueroa, Fran Sereseres, Amanda Lawrence, Anastasia Dodson, David Wilder, Wilson Tam, Brenda Su, Adam Willoughby, Amy Fairweather, Amanda Price, Maya Altman, Teresa Edwin, Anastasia Dods, Monique Nowlin, Sonia Vaughn, Jeanette Jauregui, Connie Nakano, Haleh Hashemzadeh

A quorum was established.

### 3. Housekeeping

Swartzlander reviewed meeting procedures.

### 4. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Cislowski/Lindeman)

**TO APPROVE THE MARCH 19, 2021 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.  
APPROVED**

### 5. Approve Minutes from January 22, 2021 meeting

M/S/C (Butler/Lyford)

**TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 22, 2021 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.  
APPROVED**

### 6. Public Comments

None

## **7. Chair's Comments**

Commissioner Schmeding noted the resignation of Commissioner Jean Schuldberg due to a family crisis.

### **a. Nominations for External Advisory Committees**

Commissioner Schmeding announced Commissioners serving on new MPA advisory committees, including David Lindeman, Telecommunications; Marcy Adelman, Betsy Butler and Cheryl Brown, Equity Committee; Cheryl Brown and Shelley Lyford, IMPACT Committee; Ellen Schmeding, LTSS; Geriatrics, Janet Frank; Karol Swartzlander and Ellen Schmeding, Elder Justice Coordinating Committee (EJCC); Brendalynn Goodall and Sedalia Sanders, EJCC Stakeholder Advisory Committee; Erika Castile, Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee.

## **8. Executive Committee Report**

Commissioner Schmeding gave a profile of Commissioner Qazi, a neurologist and community leader who was recently recognized for his fundraising efforts on behalf of the victims of a mass shooting in Southern California.

### **a. CCoA Recommendations to the Covid-19 Community Vaccine Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Schmeding reported on the Commission's recommendations to the Community Vaccine Advisory Committee for inclusion of family and informal caregivers in priority vaccination tiers with a follow-up letter sent to Department of Public Health Director Aragón.

## **9. Staff Report**

### **a. Opportunities for Collaboration**

Swartzlander reported on exploring opportunities for CCoA to work with the Department of Public Health on public outreach efforts to promote vaccination. CCoA's CSUS intern is developing a lesson plan on aging to be piloted by a local high school.

Four Commission applications had been submitted to the Governor's Office with Area Agency on Aging endorsements.

The California Foundation on Aging recently met and is looking to expand its membership.

### **b. Form 700**

Commissioners were reminded that Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest are due to the Fair Political Practices Commission by April 1.

### **c. FIFO Demonstration**

Swartzlander reviewed procedures for Commissioners to access Commission files in FIFO.

## 10. Master Plan for Aging Committee (MPA) Report

### a. Review Commission MPA Priorities

Commissioner Butler reported that a letter conveying the Commission's MPA Priorities was sent to the Governor, along with recommendations for incorporating behavioral health into the Master Plan.

Members discussed ways to heighten technology access and equity issues in the Commission's priorities.

### b. Public Comment

David Wilder suggested inviting a presenter from the Federal Bureau of Investigations to speak on technology security.

Commission members discussed a range of opportunities to provide comment on issues and discussed adding language to the MPA priorities letter focusing on racism and ageism, impacts of COVID-19, the lack of behavioral health initiatives in the MPA, and calling for addition of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data to the data dashboard.

### c. Action: Ratify Commission MPA Priorities

M/S/C (Kang/Brown)

**TO UPDATE AND SEND THE LETTER AS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT.  
APPROVED**

## 11. Governor's Priority Initiatives for the Master Plan for Aging

**Richard Figueroa, Office of the Governor**, reviewed the Governor's January budget proposals tied to the Master Plan for Aging, noting the proposals represent concrete steps to put MPA initiatives into action.

**Kim McCoy Wade, Director, California Department of Aging** discussed work to move forward on the 132 initiatives in the Governor's MPA, including launching an Elder Justice Coordinating Council, modernizing the Department of Aging, and working with local governments to utilize the MPA Local Playbook.

### a. Discussion

Commissioners applauded initiatives around telehealth, Aging and Disability Resource Connections, leadership and equity, as well as the state's vaccine rollout. Senior housing was a big concern; Director Wade said the state was working with philanthropy to get a clear understanding of senior housing options and ways to improve access.

### b. Public Comment

None

## **12. Area Agency on Aging Covid 19 Response**

**Victoria Jump, Director, Ventura County Area Agency on Aging** reviewed strategies to increase services to older adults during the pandemic, including expanded meal distribution through partnerships with emergency housing programs, nutrition counseling, distribution of COVID-19 Care Kits, and facilitating virtual Medicare open enrollment.

### **a. Update and Discussion**

Commissioners commented on the presentation.

### **b. Public Comment**

None

## **BREAK (3:37 p.m.-3:45 p.m.)**

## **13. Operational Procedures and Bylaws Committee Report**

Commissioner Cislowski previewed the Committee's work to turn the Commission's priorities into policies and procedures through the strategic planning process. A draft strategic plan will be available for review in June.

## **14. CalAIM**

### **a. Presentation and Discussion**

**Jacey Cooper, CA State Medicaid Director, Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs at the Department of Health Care Services** reviewed the "whole system changes" planned through the CalAIM program. The shift will coordinate and standardize care statewide for the Medi-Cal population, providing system integration, expanding a Long-Term Care carve-in and aligned enrollment in DSNP.

**Maya Altman, CEO of the Health Plan of San Mateo**, reviewed her county's integrated care model that has operated since 2014 and resulted in a cost savings for the county. She discussed the challenges CalAIM faces in standardizing services statewide and the importance of local collaboration to move the plan forward.

Commissioners discussed how CalAIM would coordinate with "carved out" services such as In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), how data would be shared across systems, and about cost-savings.

### **b. Public Comment**

None

## **15. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.